in various ways conformable to the touch screens on the basis of the function table and received folding events.

[0056] FIG. 5 shows one example of executing an application program on the mobile terminal having a foldable display unit

[0057] In FIG. 5, the mobile terminal displays a menu map on the first touch screen 110. The menu map on the first touch screen 110 includes a message menu 111, a video menu 113, and a file menu 115. The present invention is not limited to theses menus, and may further provide other menus or menu items. The mobile terminal lists various image files as icons on the second touch screen 120. The image files listed on the second touch screen 120 may be associated with the file menu 115 activated on the first touch screen 110. The control unit of the mobile terminal may control the execution of application programs separately on the first touch screen 110 and the second touch screen 120.

[0058] In operation, the user selects the video menu 113 on the first touch screen 110 by tapping (denoted by 'A') with a left hand finger, and selects an image icon 121 on the second touch screen 120 by tapping (denoted by 'B') and dragging (flick) toward the first touch screen 110 with a right hand finger.

[0059] Then, the mobile terminal may move the selected image icon 121 on the second touch screen 120 toward the selected video menu 113 on the first touch screen 110. As shown in FIG. 5, the image icon 121 is continuously displayed during the movement, and is removed from the second touch screen 120 after the movement.

[0060] To be more specific, when the folding angle of the mobile terminal is sustained at 180 degrees, the control unit may control the first touch screen 110 and the second touch screen 120 to display a menu map in full screen mode. Later, when the user selects and activates a file menu 115 of the menu map, the control unit may control only the first touch screen 110 to display a window for an application program related to the menu map and to resize the menu map on the first touch screen 110, and may control the second touch screen 120 to display image icons contained in the file menu 115. Here, the control unit may distinguish a sensing signal from the touch sensor of the first touch screen 110 from a sensing signal from the touch sensor of the second touch screen 120.

[0061] When a touch event occurs on the touch screen 110 or 120, the control unit may output an indication of event application. For example, when the video menu 113 is selected through tap 'A' on the first touch screen 110, the control unit may indicate the selection by changing the video menu 113 in color or shading so that the video menu 113 is easily distinguished from other items. When the image icon 121 is selected through tap 'B' on the second touch screen 120, the control unit may indicate the selection by changing the image icon 121 in color or shading.

[0062] When tap 'B' is extended to a flick, the control unit may move the selected image icon 121 according to the flick event (file moving). Hence, the control unit may apply touch events generated by the first touch screen 110 and the second touch screen 120 respectively to a menu handling program and a file search program.

[0063] As described above, the mobile terminal, having a foldable display unit with two adjacent touch screens, may cause two application programs separately running on the two touch screens to cooperate with each other according to generated touch events.

[0064] FIG. 6 shows another example of executing an application program on the mobile terminal having a foldable display unit.

[0065] In FIG. 6, the mobile terminal displays an idle window on the first touch screen 110 and displays a book 123 with multiple bookmarked pages on the second touch screen 120. When the user touches a bookmarked page A and a bookmarked page B, the control unit of the mobile terminal may recognize the touched bookmarked page A and bookmarked page B as being selected by matching touch points on the second touch screen 120 with the bookmarked pages.

[0066] Then, the control unit may control the first touch screen 110 to display the selected bookmarked pages, and control the second touch screen 120 to continue the display of the book 123. Here, the control unit may control the first touch screen 110 to separately display the bookmarked page A (denoted by 112) and the bookmarked page B (denoted by 114). In other words, upon selection of a bookmarked page A on the second touch screen 120, the control unit may display the bookmarked page A on the first touch screen 110. Upon selection of a bookmarked page B on the second touch screen 120, the control unit may display the bookmarked page B on the first touch screen 110. Here, the control unit may control the first touch screen 110 to display the bookmarked page A and bookmarked page B so that the bookmarked page A and bookmarked page B do not overlap with each other. Alternatively, the control unit may control the first touch screen 110 to display the bookmarked page A and bookmarked page B so that the bookmarked page A and bookmarked page B partially overlap with each other to make them further selectable.

[0067] In the above description, the second touch screen 120 displays a book 123 with multiple pages. This description may also be applied to a phone directory with multiple bookmarked phonebooks, where the phonebooks are associated with groups of members. That is, upon selection of a bookmarked phonebook of a phone directory displayed on the second touch screen 120, the control unit may control the first touch screen 110 to display the selected bookmarked phonebook. The displayed phonebook may contain a list of contacts such as a telephone number, photograph, address, birth date, anniversary, and so forth.

[0068] As described above, the mobile terminal having a foldable display unit may display a window for a particular application program on one of the touch screens, and display an auxiliary window for the application program on the other touch screen.

[0069] FIG. 7 shows yet another example of executing an application program on the mobile terminal having a foldable display unit.

[0070] In FIG. 7, the mobile terminal displays a plurality of images or icons associated with images on the first touch screen 110. This may be caused when the user selects a menu associated with an image browsing function. Alternatively, in the case where the image browsing function is set as a default function for a 180-degree folding event, the mobile terminal may display images or icons as shown in FIG. 7 when unfolded at 180 degrees. The image browsing function may also be set as a default function for a 120-degree folding event or a 90-degree folding event, and but this setting may be changed or adjusted by the user.

[0071] The mobile terminal displays an edit area 126 and an edit tool area 128 on the second touch screen 120 for editing one of the images listed on the first touch screen 110. An image editing function may be activated on the second touch